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Dear Daddy:

I have been working hard this week. The other co. clerk is in the hospital with the flu this week, and I have had to do all the work. I was in town Thursday nite, and went to a basketball game between the YMHa of Jax and Savannah. I saw Ben Cooley's brother in law there, the coach, and a few other boys from Savannah. They had a dance afterwards, and I couldn't disappoint the girls, could I?

Well, here is some news. They are picking from each company in this division 7 Sergeants and 1 company clerk to go to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, 60 miles from New York, to form a new division to train men. I talked to the Company Commander yesterday, and he picked me as the company clerk. That is the way it is now, and I hope he don't change his mind. I will get a rating as soon as I get there. The other clerk is from Penn. and he might want to go, but I don't think he will want to go. I just talked to the Lt. and he said so far I will be the one to go. If the other clerk goes, I will get the ~~new~~ No. 1 job here, with a Corporal's rating, $64 a month. I want to go to Ft. Dix though. In case I do go, I will come home for a few days before I go. It will probably be March 1 before we go. I will keep you posted as soon as I find out. I am handing my Officer's training School application in as soon as I take the physical next Wednesday. I don't think I will pass the physical. My right eye is too weak I think. I will know next Wednesday. Then I go before the board of 3 men for an interview, and if I pass them, which will be very hard, I will go to Ft. Benning, Ga. for 3 months school and then I will be a 2nd Lt., and will be sent to some other ~~school~~. If I get to go to Benning, I will forget the idea of going to Ft. Dix.

I don't guess you have heard from Bert. I don't think they can get to a message center at all. I saw today's paper and the U S is sending reinforcements over right away. I sure like the way they are holding out over there. They have food and ammunition to last for 2 years there. That is wonderful.

I am going to town tonight, and go to a dance, for a change. So be good, write soon, and use the typewriter I left at home of Berts, and tell me how business is.

Please send this letter on to Mother. I wrote her yesterday in Bessemer. I got a letter from Lottie in Bessemer Sunday. What good does it do Mother to go to a Doctor, as she won't do what he says! What is the matter with Dr. Maxwell? Who and what does she have to change Doctors for? Write soon.

Love,

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